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MEXICO FOR REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE

USUN FOR LOS DELEGATION

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PLOS, EFIS, GY
SUBJECT: GUYANA EXTENDS MARITIME BOUNDARIES

REF: GEORGETOWN 1082 (NOTAL)

1. PARLIAMENT HAS PASSED MARITIME BOUNDARIES BILL
(SUBSTANCE REPORTED REFTEL) WHICH ESTABLISHES 12 MILE
TERRITORIAL SEA LIMIT AND GUYANA'S SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OVER
EXPLORATION, EXPLOITATION AND MANAGEMENT OF ALL RESOURCES
IN 200 MILE ZONE.

2. BILL NOW GOES TO PRESIDENT CHUNG FOR HIS ASSENT AND
WILL THEN BE PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL GAZETTE. NEW MARITIME
BOUNDARIES WILL TAKE EFFECT UPON PUBLICATION IN GAZETTE.
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GOG OFFICIALS HAVE EXPLAINED THAT IMPLEMENTATION SHOULD
TAKE PLACE IN APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH, BUT WERE UNABLE
TO GIVE SPECIFIC DATE. LOCAL HEAD OF AMERICAN-OWNED
GEORGETOWN SEAFOODS HAS INFORMED EMBOFF THAT GOG HAS NOT
YET CONTACTED HIM CONCERNING IMPLICATIONS OF BILL BUT HE
WILL KEEP EMBASSY POSTED.

3. AS REPORTED IN PPP MIRROR, DURING DEBATE ON BILL,
FONMIN WILLS CLAIMED THAT SURINAM AND VENEZUELA WERE
HARASSING GUYANESE FISHERMEN BY SEIZING THEIR BOATS.
WILLS MAINTAINED THAT SURINAM AND VENEZUELA WERE NOT YET
PREPARED TO CONDUCT DIALOGUE ON THIS PROBLEM BUT THAT
GOG WOULD ACTIVATE BORDER COMMISSIONS TO SET STAGE FOR
FUTURE DISCUSSIONS.

4. GOG ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITIES ARE, AT BEST, MINIMAL.
GOG HAS NO SUITABLE OCEAN GOING CRAFT BUT HAS ORDERED
TWO PATROL BOATS FROM BRITAIN.

5. COPY OF BILL IS BEING POUCHED TO ARA/CAR.
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Message Attributes

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